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STEVE BOSH: Within the US intelligence community there is little dispute about the accuracy of American reports concerning the missile attack. But, as Drew Scott reports, there is conflict about what that information may have disclosed concerning our intelligence gathering capabilities.

SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ: A Soviet pilot reported visual contact with the aircraft at 18:12 hours. The Soviet plane was, we know, in constant contact with its ground control.

DREW SCOTT: When Secretary of State Shultz spoke these words, many in the intelligence community recoiled in horror that such precise details obtained through a huge allied network of secret electronic intelligence may have been compromised. One of those appalled by what he believes to be a breach of security is former CIA Director Adm. Stansfield Turner.

STANSFIELD TURNER: He devoted more than I've ever heard an official of the government say about this kind of intelligence collection technique.

SCOTT: The National Security Agency and the CIA have a network of 4120 intercept stations around the globe. The Kamchatka Peninsula is of special interest to Japan and the US because it's the home of the Soviets' Pacific nuclear submarine fleet, and Soviet missile test firings are conducted there on a regular basis. Turner says the area is bristling with electronic ears and perhaps now the Soviets have a deepened understanding of our intelligence process.